

REMARKS

Claims 1-16, following entry of this Amendment, are all the claims pending in this application. By amendment above, claims 1 and 8 have been amended, and claims 13-16 have been added.

Reconsideration of the subject patent application and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

As a preliminary matter, Figure 1 has been objected to for failing to describe a reference sign in the specification. Accordingly, Applicant proposes to delete the arrow pointing to the box identified as 180 and the box itself, and replace the reference number "130" with reference number "180".

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-8 and 10-12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Fleskes (U.S. Patent No. 6,529,910). Claims 2, 5 and 9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fleskes in view of Hickman (U.S. Patent Appln. Publ. 2001/0033564). These rejections, as they may apply to the claims, as amended, are respectfully traversed.

Applicable case law holds that in order to anticipate a claim, a single prior art reference must disclose each and every feature of the claim. Furthermore, in order for prior art to render a claim obvious, the prior art must suggest all of the claimed features and their combination to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

Claim 1 now recites, inter alia, "a web page-forming component for forming the personal web page incorporating one or more of the features of the web site in response to an input provided by the user via the Internet, said personal web page comprising a private component accessible only by the user and a public component accessible to anyone, wherein the user's input determines which of the features appear in the private component and which of the features appear in the public component." Claim 8 has a similar limitation. Fleskes fails to disclose, teach or suggest this feature.

The present invention relates to a method and system for allowing a user to customize a personal web page using an Internet web site having predetermined features that can be incorporated into the personal web page.

Fleskes merely describes a program that allows a user to input data, for example, about an object, an entity, an organization, or group of related units. The data is saved in a database. The program automatically creates a series of web pages using the data input to or taken from the database. Col. 4, lines 53-55 and 62-67. Different levels of access are assigned to users who can effect changes to different portions of the database. Accordingly, different levels of members can view different levels of information, such as events, meetings, budget, etc. Col. 13, lines 16-21.

The system of Fleskes is different from the system/method of the present invention. The web page of Fleskes is formed using information stored in a database. Information contained in the database is accessible depending on an assigned level of access. In contradistinction, the web page of the present invention, as set forth in claims 1 and 8, is formed by incorporating features of/from a web site. The web page includes a private component and a public component.

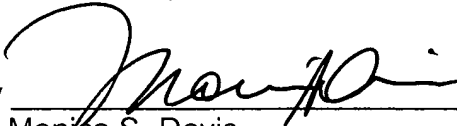
Since Fleskes does not teach each and every limitation of claims 1 and 8, Fleskes cannot anticipate these claims. Thus, the rejection of claims 1 and 8 should be withdrawn.

Dependent claims 2-7 and 9-16 depend on at least one of independent claims 1 and 8, and are allowable for the same reasons discussed above with respect to claims 1 and 8.

Appln. No. 09/734,043
Amdt. date May 24, 2004
Reply to Office Action of February 23, 2004

Applicant submits that the present application is now in condition for allowance.
Reconsideration and favorable action are earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

By 

Monica S. Davis
Attorney for Applicants
Registration No. 44,492
ROTHWELL, FIGG, ERNST & MANBECK, p.c.
Suite 800, 1425 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005
Telephone: (202)783-6040
Facsimile: (202) 783-6031

L:\2766\2766-101.AM1.wpd

Attachments: Replacement Sheet
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes